

U.S. Army Fort Monmouth  
Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2014

The Quarterly RAB meeting was held at Building 455 at Fort Monmouth, Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, New Jersey.

At 7:08 p.m. the meeting was called to order by James Allen (Co-Chairman). Mr. Allen led the meeting members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RAB Members Present:**

James Allen – (Pubic Co-Chair)  
Wanda Green, (Army Co-Chair)  
Linda Range, NJDEP Case Manager  
Brian Charnick, Eatontown Representative  
Edward Dlugosz, Eatontown Representative  
Frank Barricelli, Oceanport Representative  
Richard Gruskos, Oceanport Representative  
Joel Grimm, Monmouth Co. Health Dept.

**Comments on old business:**

Ms. Green informs the RAB that the Army's initial response to the Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) was sent out this week to the board members via email.

Meeting minutes from December 4th, 2013:

Mr. Allen requested comments on minutes. No comments from board members. Mr. Allen requests for motion to approve the minutes.

- Mr. Barricelli makes the motion
- Mr. Gruskos seconded the motion

**Discuss new business – Wanda Green:**

- Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Program update:
  - Parsons is working on Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Reports for each of the IRP Sites. We just recently received the RI/FS for M-14. We are currently waiting for legal to approve the first one received (M-4). Once we get that finalized we will move on to the others.
  - The RAB environmental website has now been updated with the missing documents that were previously noted not there by Ms. Sara Breslow.
  - Because we are Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), the Army will not allow the Draft August 2013 Baseline Groundwater Report to be released

until it is finalized. Once it is, the document will be released, hopefully before our next meeting in April.

**August 2013 Baseline Groundwater Sampling Event – Paul Feshbach-Meriney, Parsons**

- Sampling Objectives
- Sampling Methods
  - Low-flow purge sampling (LFPS) vs. passive diffusion bag (PDB) sampling
- Site Sampled
  - Fourteen Sites via LFPS
  - Seven Sites via PDB Sampling
  - Three Sites via both LFPS and PDB Sampling for correlation purposes
- Sample Results per Site
- Questions
  - Mr. Charnick: The Site background levels that were used, where are they from?
  - Mr. Feshbach-Meriney: They were developed as site specific background levels for the Site years ago by a previous consultant.
  - Mr. Gruskos: None of these Sites have current remediation performed correct?
  - Ms. Green: Correct. Some of these sites had previous remedial actions, but that information is not addressed in this report.
  - Mr. Charnick: Are there residential and non-residential standards for industrial sites for groundwater?
  - Mr. Feshbach-Meriney: No. For Groundwater there is only one applicable standard and that is Class IIA.
  - Mr. Moore: Did you find any free product in any of the wells?
  - Mr. Feshbach-Meriney: No, not to my knowledge there was no free product noted.
  - Mr. Gruskos: These sites area all still open for investigation correct?
  - Ms. Range: Yes they are.
  - Mr. Kaloss (from the Oceanport Environmental Alliance, Vice Chairman): Two questions. One what is a rough idea of timeframe that the investigation has been conducted.
  - Ms. Green: We have historical data from about the past 15 years.
  - Mr. Kaloss: That's fine. The other question is who has footed the bill and how much does it cost.
  - Ms. Green: The Army foots the bill and I don't have exact dollars.

**FTMM-16 Former Pesticide Storage Remedial Action Report and Deed Notice Summary – Robert Youhas, Chenega Operations Services**

- FTMM-16 Site Details
- Site Investigation and Remediation
- Pesticides Detected in Soil at FTMM-16
- Site Cleanup Results
- Baseline Ecological Evaluation
- Deed Notice
- Questions
  - Mr. Allen: Where is the Deed filed?
  - Ms. Range: With the County.
  - Mr. Allen: So if someone buys the property the deed notice goes with it.
  - Ms. Range: Yes it does. It's associated with the lot and block. The buyer will know the deed notice is attached.
  - Mr. Dlugosz: Recreational is not the same as residential?
  - Ms. Range: Correct.
  - Mr. Barricelli: They have to continuously report on the property?
  - Ms. Range: Correct, every two years it must be recertified.

**Round Table Discussion – Ms. Green**

- No items for discussion.

**2014 Meeting Schedule – Ms. Green**

- The following meeting schedule was confirmed by the RAB:
  - Thursday, April 3, 2014 @ 7pm
  - Thursday, July 10, 2014 @ 7pm
  - Thursday, October 2, 2014 @ 7pm
- Ms. Green: We have had special meetings in the past and we can definitely do such as we have a lot of reports coming out soon. We can consider it when it comes time. You always have the option to email me or the group as well. We don't have to wait till the meetings.
- Mr. Barricelli: We have twice before tried having a discipline review and this would be a good chance to start it again. Comments from RAB members would be out early enough so the Army has enough time to respond and we don't spend the meetings thumbing through pages. If we could get a schedule set up with a deadline to submit questions it would be beneficial.
- Ms. Green: We did say we would do that, and we can do that. Parsons can give a special detailed workshop.

**Public Comments/Questions**

Sara Breslow: (11 Lake Drive, Eatontown):

- Ms. Breslow: I have a question about the pesticide testing. Was there any testing done in Oceanport Creek?
- Mr. Youhas: Yes
- Ms. Breslow: There was nothing talked about here. Were the sediments tested? Were the fish tested?
- Mr. Youhas: The sediments and surface water were both tested for pesticides. Nothing exceeded the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) standards.
- Ms. Range: They were ecological standards used and there were no exceedances. Ecological standards are more stringent than human based standards such as soil and groundwater criteria.
- Ms. Breslow: Are you confident the fish in the water are safe to eat?
- Ms. Range: I am confident we did not need sample any further along the food chain. I don't know what the fish were exposed to else wise.

Mr. Allen requests an updated list of RAB members.

At 8:07 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Allen.

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Meeting notes taken by A. Kriney of Parsons on behalf of the RAB.